



A N O K A M A S O N I C L O D G E # 3 0 A . F . & A . M .

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Greetings from the East!

Brethren of Anoka #30,

Notice: On March 1st, 2023 at our Stated Meeting, action was taken to move forward with an increase in our dues to \$260 per year, plus per capita. At this time, our current per capita is \$40 annually.

Please also note that at the 2023 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota on April 14-15th, a vote by the constituent lodges on Resolution #6 may increase per capita to \$70 annually.

There are six resolutions being voted on which will be read at our April Stated Meeting and the Wardens will be polling the members present as to how you want us to vote at the Annual Communication on all six resolutions... so show up April 5th at 7pm and let your voice be heard.



**Fraternally,
Daryl Warmack
Master Anoka #30**

Greetings from the West,



As April approaches and the thoughts of spring fill our minds let us not forget that this is also the time for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. This will be the 170th Annual Communication which Grand Master Tony Krall has promised that this one will be one that no active Minnesota Mason will want to miss. With the updated schedule of events and more concise scheduling I believe it makes it easier for brothers to attend. The sessions goes from Friday, April 14th until Saturday, April 15th at the Park Convention Center in Waite Park MN. This is a shorter schedule than we are used to. Friday consists of Registration at 8:00 AM and the Tyled Opening and Business Session starting at 8:45 AM. There will be a break for Lunch then the Business Session will resume at 1:00 PM.

The first Breakout sessions will start at 2:45 PM with the second sessions starting at 4:00 PM. These sessions include numerous interesting topics such as our own W.B. Greg Vokovan discussing the Fire Suppression Tool at both sessions. The Grand Lodge Banquet will start at 6:00 PM on Friday and the

Grand Lodge Hospitality Room and Outdoor Hospitality Room will begin at 9:00 PM and continue until 11:00 PM.

Saturday begins with a Business Session at 8:00 AM if needed and AD/DR breakouts at 9:00 AM. The Minnesota Masonic Charities breakfast has become a brunch this year starting at 10 AM which this meal does require tickets as does the Grand Lodge Banquet. The Public Session of Grand Lodge will commence at 12 PM with the installation of Officers starting at 1:00 PM. There will be a reception for the new Grand Master starting at 2:00 PM. This has all the markings of being an incredible Annual Communication and if you can make it out for the Business Session or the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, I would encourage you to do so. If you attend the Installation of Officers you will get the chance to see the Anoka Chapter of DeMolay participate with other Minnesota DeMolay chapters in performing the Arch of Steel for the Grand Lodge Officers which is a sight we haven't seen in many years. If you have any questions on this event or any others, please feel free to reach out to your officer line to find out any particulars around what we as a Lodge will be doing. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Jeremy Hill
Senior Warden

Salutations from the South!

Who the Heck is Amos?

Hailing from the South Brothers,

First let me say hurrah for Spring, I look forward to the return of the multi colors of Spring and Summer over the endless Winter canvas of white. If all goes according to plan, I will be sitting in the East in May to conduct the Fellow Craft degree of which one of the lines is “And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou?” After practicing the line, a couple hundred times, I finally asked myself, who is Amos and why is he part of the ritual.

Amos, as those brothers more religious than me know, was the first Hebrew prophet to have a book of the Bible named after him. In his book, he foretells the destruction of Israel’s northern kingdom, specifically calling out the Lord’s impending destruction of nine territories of the northern kingdom and their reasons for being destroyed. Some of the reasons were insincerity of worship, injustice to others and oppression of the poor. The Lord shows Amos three visions pertaining to the specific ways the Lord will destroy Judah and Israel. In the first two, Amos appeals to the Lord for mercy on Israel’s behalf and the Lord grants it. In the third vision, which we all know from our initiation as an FC, the Lord is standing beside a wall with a plumb line in his hand and states that Israel is like a wall built out of line, which must be destroyed and rebuilt in line.

At this point, I am guessing many of you are saying, “Thanks for the Bible lesson James, but what has this to do with Masonry?” A fine question indeed. First let’s look at the plumb line in real life and in Masonry. The plumb line is simple a weight of some sort at the end of a length of string or line. It is used by operative masons to test the verticality of a wall or structure. If the wall leans, it is said to be out of plumb. In speculative Masonry, the plumb line admonishes us to walk uprightly before God and man. The Israelites had begun to worship false idols, have insincere motives behind their worship of the Lord, started to acquire and hoard money living lavishly instead of using it to ensure all society was taken care of. Thus, they had become out of plumb with the teachings and directives of the Lord and after many chances to change their ways, the Lord grew angry and decided on punishment. Similarly, when Brothers of a lodge no longer judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with unbiased justice, the Lodge is destroyed.

While Amos was but a humble shepherd, he had great love for both the Lord and his fellow man and was selected by the Lord to give a warning of the destruction to come should Israel and her kingdom not give up their “evil” ways. I believe all of us are Amos in a way and should be willing to call out Masonic injustice when we see it and offer wise and wholesome council to ensure our Lodge, and Masonry in general, continues for many years.



In Brotherly Love and Friendship

James Surratt, Junior Warden.



Coffee Clutch
Come join us on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays at 9:00.



Stewards Corner

February Menu

April 5th – TBD

April 19th - TBD

Come enjoy good food and
 fellowship!

Jake Shoulak, Sr. Steward
Joe Shoulak, Jr. Steward

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, April 5th – Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, April 5th – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 12th - Officers/Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm
Past Masters Committee 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 19th - Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, April 19th - Degree
Dinner 6:00 pm
Degree 7:00 pm



If you or someone you know in our Masonic Family needs support, please contact Dave at (763) 755-2431 or Gary at (612) 598-8682.

Hello from the Pit!

In March, we learned that smoking meat in 10 degree weather takes a longer time than usual, but the Anoka Gymnastics Team enjoyed the fruit of our labors.

We are setting our calendar for the year, and if you would like to help out with various charities, learn how to smoke some meat, and have great fellowship, contact me with questions on becoming a Bones Brother.

In Brotherhood, Benevolence and Barbecue,

Todd A. Mayer, El Presidente
Bones Brothers



Meet your Junior Steward Joe Shoulak.....

I sought out Masonry for many reasons, mainly for support, and self-improvement. I've had mental health struggles for most of my life, and the Lodge sees right past that to the good man they've deemed me to be. By joining the Masons, I got a certain irreplaceable validation: the support of an adoptive family that carefully selected me. Masonry has given me so many great memories that I wouldn't trade for anything in the world, and I'm forever grateful for that.

Brother Joseph Shoulak, Junior Steward

Greetings Anoka Brethren,

No traveling in April.

**In Brotherly Friendship,
James O. Surrat**



Greetings from Selim Grotto!

Spring is finally here!

The Grotto had a great time bringing two brothers into the Realm!

Come see us at our booth at Grand Lodge this year!

We have more events coming this year including a Rock-n-ROFL concert and Comedy Night. Information about tickets will be coming out soon!



If you are interested in good fellowship, come out and have some fun with your brothers!

**Darren Swenson
Prophet Monarch
Selim Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.**

Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

Happy Spring (really??? Our spring is not quite here yet!) from Martha Chapter.

April is the beginning of a new corps of officers, and we are excited to begin the year of our "Garden of Friendship". It has been a fun term traveling Route 66 with Julia and Greg but Tim and I will be spending more time at home this year.



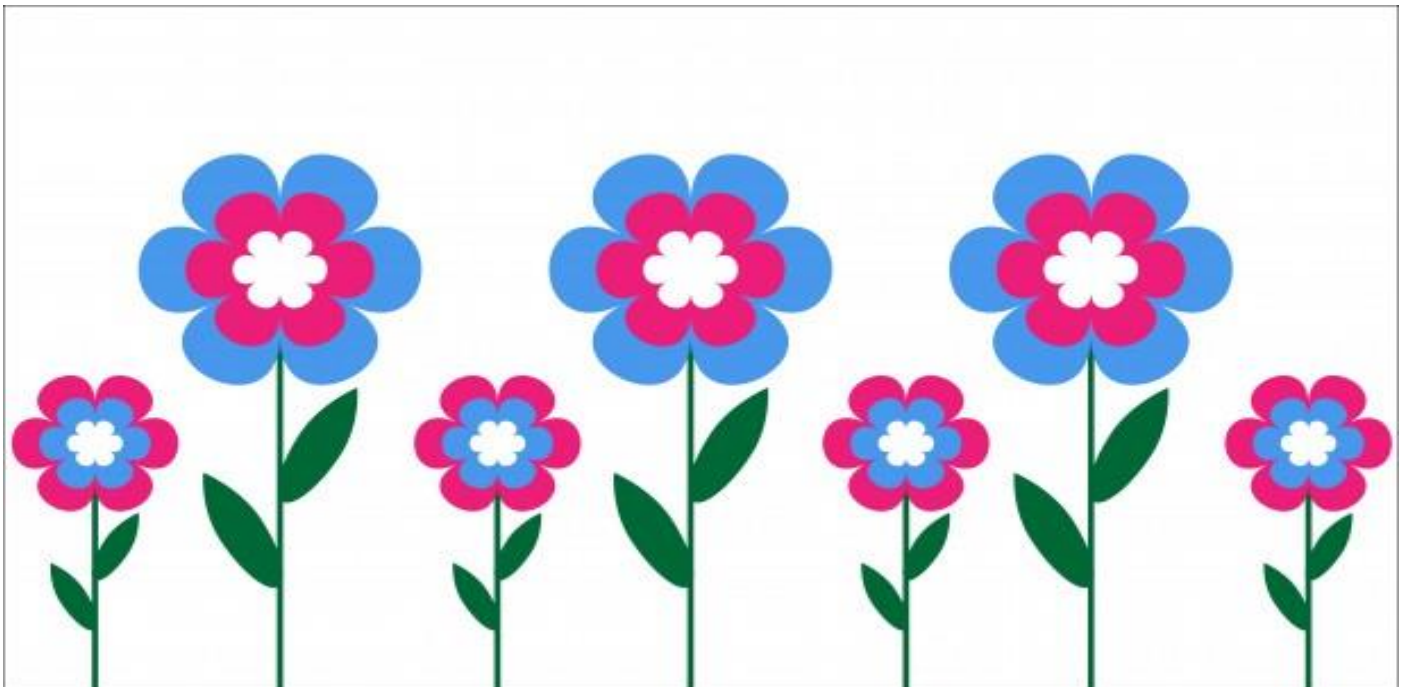
You are all welcome to attend the Installation of Officers on Thursday, April 6th at 4:00pm. Following the Installation, probably about 5:30, we will have a light picnic supper in the dining room – this is open to everyone.

At 7pm we will have our first meeting. Officers and members only.

We hope to see many of our Masonic family at this special event.

**Rachel Ridens
Worthy Matron-elect**

**Tim Galvin
Worthy Patron-elect**





Greetings from Bethel #48

We will share about Grand Bethel next month.

Sincerely,
Carrie Gillilan,
Senior Princess

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay,

THE YEAR CONTINUES.....

As our year carries on, we continue to have fun, learn, and grow together. We are always looking for young men (ages 9-21) to join in with us! We are always looking for great adult leadership as well! Keep an eye out for an Open House date coming soon!

DEMOLAY HISTORY

Our insignia was designed by the founder of our great Order, "Dad" Frank S. Land. He designed it as a pin and symbol that recognizes us as DeMolays. Every part of this insignia has a particular significance. The Crossed Swords denote justice, fortitude, and mercy. They symbolize the unceasing battle of DeMolay against arrogance, despotism, and ignorance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15th – Grand Lodge Arch of Steel

April 25th – Pool @ Bunker Gaming

May 13th – Sherburne Table Lodge

May 27-29th – Masonic Family Weekend



JOIN US TUESDAYS @ 7:00 PM
ANOKA LODGE #30

Annual Lodge Clean Up



Saturday, April 22nd 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE HELP FROM ALL WHO USE THE BUILDING



**Come one, Come all
To the 30th Annual Shrimp Dinner
Anoka Masonic Lodge
Good Friday, April 7th
4:00 pm- 7:00 pm
\$20.00 per person**

Hello from the Minneapolis Scottish Rite,

April 1st is our Remembrance and Renewal Dinner. Don't forget to get your tickets!

Darren Swenson
Double Eagle for Anoka 30



*The Minneapolis Chapter
of the Rose Croix Presents:*

The Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal and the Mystic Banquet



*This is the night we honor those Brothers of the Valley who have passed into
the Celestial Lodge Above and renew our ties as Scottish Rite Masons.
It is an open event and all are welcome!*

Saturday April 1st

5:30 pm: Fellowship gathering in Downstairs Lounge

6:30 pm: Ceremony in Auditorium

7:00 pm: Mystic Banquet in the Dining Hall



**\$40 Per Person
Dinner will be
provided by
III. Brother Jerry
Oliver and Crew**

Minneapolis Valley
of the Scottish Rite
2011 Dupont Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN, 55405

Please RSVP to:
612-871-1500
or by email:
Jackie@aasrmn.Org

Greetings from Shekinah #52!

Shekinah #52 Royal Arch Masons are in full swing. We were fortunate enough to welcome four new Companions at the One Day to Royal Arch on February 4th and there was a great contingent there to welcome them. Congratulations to Companions Elias Rocha, Dale Wucher, Kevin Millard, and Dave Troy.



The chapter's next event is our Sunday Dinner fundraiser with proceeds from this year's Sunday Night Dinners to be used to fund our annual donations to Granny's Closet and the Royal Arch Research Assistance. The dinner will be at Anoka Lodge on Sunday, May 7th from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. and will feature meatloaf made by the culinary master, Excellent Companion Tony Heimer. Rumor has it that it is using a family recipe from Excellent Companion Terrance Schaffer. You don't want to miss out. Meal tickets are \$15. We would love to have you there. See any of the Shekinah Companions to arrange for tickets.

Ty Schmidt
Excellent High Priest

From Zabud Council #10.....



Greetings Anoka Masonic Family from the Officers of Zabud Council No.10, Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month following Shekinah Chapter No.52 U.D., at approximately 8PM.

The Cryptic Council has come into its own as one of the most beautiful and meaningful degrees in Freemasonry. One reason for this is that it completes a story, a Masonic allegory started as a Master Mason. Freemasonry is very philosophical and teaches most of its ideals by allegory or story, one of which is the loss of the Masonic Word. In contrast, Cryptic Masonry centers around the story of the preservation of the Word. The Word, as in Masonry, among other things,

represents man's search for life's purpose and the nature of God. Symbolic Freemasonry teaches the loss of the Word and hope of recovery, Royal Arch teaches of its recovery and Cryptic Masonry completes this story by teaching of the Word's preservation. In the following months I will undertake to explain more about this degree in York Rite Masonry and attempt to explain further about this Degree and its usefulness to understanding what Cryptic Masonry is.

Please consider becoming a member of Cryptic Masonry and joining us on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Illustrious Master David Birkman
Zabud Council No. 10

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